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Shoppers enjoy the sights at Winnipeg Square on Tuesday. Numbers released by Statistics Canada show Winnipeg's senior population is increasing at less than half the national average. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

City getting younger 'a good thing'

Number crunching.

Winnipeg has more people entering working age than those ready to retire: 2011 census



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Census numbers released Tuesday show Winnipeg's working-age population is on the rise, and that's good news for a growing city, according to an urban-planning professor from the University of Winnipeg.

"We're seeing a younger population that are moving into Winnipeg, and that's a good thing," explained Jino DiStasio, director of the institute of urban studies at the U of W.

"A few years back Winnipeg was seen as sort of an older

Kid population up

10%

Winnipeg's population of kids four and under has increased nearly 10 per cent since 2006 — the largest jump since the baby boom ended in 1965.

SOURCE: STATISTICS CANADA

city, and over the last few years we've seen Winnipeg's population take off."

Numbers on age and sex released by Statistics Canada from the 2011 census show Winnipeg is bucking a national trend that saw more and more people enter retirement age over the last five years.

Nationally the number of seniors increased by 14.1 per cent since the 2006 census, while Winnipeg's senior population has grown much slower — only six per cent over that same time period.

Vincent Dale, an assistant director at Statistics Canada's demography division, said the fact Winnipeg also has one of the highest fertility rates in the country means we've got more people 15 to 64 years of age than most Canadian centres.

"In Canada overall there's roughly one person leaving to one person entering working-age groups; for Winnipeg there's slightly more young people entering than there are leaving," he explained. "That means businesses have more labour supply to work with."

Municipalities, private businesses and governments use census information on sex and age population to make public-service and investment decisions.

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Teen helps make Habitat build a reality despite Nimbyism

Community

opposition. Student sought help from council to build housing project in Riverbend neighbourhood

SEAN LEDWICH

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When Coun. Devi Sharma heard West Kildonan Collegiate student Jeremy Ryant speak at a public hearing last October, she was inspired.

He was brave, passionate, and used no notes, recalled the councillor representing Old Kildonan.

Ryant, 17, was facing down community opposition to a proposed Habitat for Humanity project — eight side-by-side units to house 10 low-income families at the corner of Main Street and Fernbank Avenue.

"He also had experience working on Habitat projects before, and how much he got out of it and what a positive benefit it is to those families that will be mov-

ing into these homes," said Sharma.

"From there, the decision was made that we would approve the project."

Some people in Ryant's Riverbend neighbourhood had mobilized against the build, canvassing the area with a petition. That brought it to the attention of Ryant's Social Justice Club at school.

"I mean, this is Habitat for Humanity," Ryant told Metro with hammer in hand on a cold, wet Tuesday afternoon.

"It's a great organization, and what better place to have a Habitat site built than in our own community?"

"So, to think that people from our community were opposing the site being built was just insane, so we thought, 'Let's go to city council and argue our side so we can get it built.'

Sharma's committee approved the plan, and she contacted Ryant, his school and Habitat to suggest they join forces for a volunteer build day.

And so it was, in Tuesday afternoon's chilly rain, that Ryant and seven fellow

Habitat facts

- Habitat builds homes for working, low-income families with a preference for those with young children.
- They check references, credit ratings, and arrange interest-free mortgages for families, who must themselves invest 350 to 500 hours of sweat equity in the building of their homes.

students, along with their teacher Jason Pinder, began installing floor joists for the new Habitat homes.

"When you have a student talking about how the world should be, that's powerful stuff," said Pinder, who also spoke at city hall in support of the project.

"I think people underestimate the power of students and teens in general."

Habitat's "Blitz Build" takes place from July 9 to 21. To volunteer, check online at habitat.mb.ca or email Greg Mallett, Habitat's volunteer co-ordinator.



West Kildonan Collegiate student Jeremy Ryant, right, labours next to Coun. Devi Sharma, hammering nails into floor joist braces at the Habitat build Tuesday. SEAN LEDWICH/FOR METRO

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Dark Knight under the sea

The underwater world has its very own Batman. It carries the shape of the Batman symbol comic fans know all too well, and it's baffling scientists. Watch this and other bizarre aquatic phenomena at metronews.ca.

Mobile news



Many Canadian kids are failing to make the grade when it comes to reaching physical-activity targets, with too few hours devoted to active play and too much free time looking at TV and computer screens. Scan the code to read more.

Rash of stabbings worries councillors

Quoted

"Every weekend, every evening almost, we hear of a stabbing, and people want to feel safe in their city."

Coun. Paula Havixbeck, chair of the city's protection and community services committee

An "epidemic" of stabbings on Winnipeg streets has led a city committee to ask police just what's been going on.

Council's protection and community services committee passed a motion Monday asking the Winnipeg Police Service for statistics on the number of stabbings the city has seen over the last three years, the number of those cases that remain unsolved, and

the number of cases where stabbing victims were uncooperative with police.

"You can't put the radio on or read a newspaper

without a stabbing — it's almost daily," said committee member Coun. Harvey Smith after the meeting.

"It's an epidemic.... I

think we should tackle the problem and I think we should have the facts so we know what we can do about it."

As well as Smith's request for stabbing stats, the committee also wants to know how many police members have been on duty at given times over the last three years, and how many of those officers were responding to calls and involved in community poli-

cating initiatives.

"We have more and more police officers yet we have a higher crime rate in the city and people feel less safe," said committee chair Coun. Paula Havixbeck.

"Starting to look at some data would be useful."

The motion calls for police to have the requested statistics ready for the committee by its next meeting on July 5.

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Evidence spurs new look into police shooting

Independent inquiry.

Video shot by a Winnipeg tourist shows shooting of man by Vancouver police

Dramatic new video of a Vancouver police officer fatally shooting a man on a busy street almost five years ago has prompted the force to ask an independent investigative body from Alberta to take another look at the case.

The Alberta Serious Incident Response Team, which investigates allegations involving officers in that province, will review a newly released bystander's video of Paul Boyd's fatal confrontation in August 2007, the Vancouver police and the B.C. government announced Tuesday.

Boyd was shot after police

responding to 911 calls were confronted by a man swinging a bike chain. Const. Lee Chipperfield testified he believed Boyd was still armed when he fired the fatal shot to Boyd's head.

But a video, shot by a Winnipeg tourist and released to the media this week, appears to show Boyd was no longer holding the bike chain when he was killed.

Instead, the grainy, dark video shows a police officer next to Boyd bending down and picking up the chain as Boyd — already injured by bullets — crawled across the street. A vehicle blocks the view of Boyd in the seconds before he is shot.

David Eby, executive director of B.C. Civil Liberties Association, said the video proves what his organization has been saying all along: Boyd wasn't a threat to police when he was killed. "There is something about seeing a man crawling

across the street to be shot in the head surrounded by police officers when he's fully disarmed, compared to just reading that on a piece of paper," Eby said in an interview.

Chipperfield was never charged. The province's police watchdog said there were too many conflicting accounts of what happened to conclude whether the officer used excessive force.

Boyd, 39, had a successful career as an animator, but he was also bipolar.

British Columbia's attorney general issued a statement confirming the outside investigation. "This is a very sensitive case, which is why we have asked the Alberta Serious Incident Response Team, an experienced, independent investigative agency, to consider the case in light of new information," Shirley Bond said in a release.

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Jessie Klassen of the Green Action Centre and Minister Jim Rondeau kicked off the Commuter Challenge by cycling to the Fort Rouge Rapid Transit Station on Tuesday. DAVE BAXTER/FOR METRO

Encouraging commuters to leave their cars behind

First place

7,300

Last year, over 7,300 citizens participated in the Commuter Challenge, placing Winnipeg first in Canada in the 500,000-1,000,000 population category.

to try a new way of getting to work," she said. "Try walking, cycling, car pooling, taking the bus or working from home."

Winnipeg Deputy Mayor Justin Swandal said that recent changes to rapid transit and more bike lanes make it easier to get to work without a car.

"All the alternatives that have become available have made it much easier in the last five years or so to get to work in ways other than single-occupancy vehicles," said Swandal.

Sign up at GreenActionCentre.ca. DAVID BAXTER/FOR METRO

Canadian Forces investigation. Two reservists face weapon-related charges

Officials with the Canadian Forces are investigating after two Winnipeg reservists were arrested and charged on the weekend.

Winnipeg police say the arrests stemmed from a party where two men are alleged to have brought out weapons in front of the guests.

Police say that resulted in

a dispute and an assault took place.

Officers responded and arrested two men aged 20 and 25.

They face a number of charges, including assault causing bodily harm and possession of weapons for a dangerous purpose.

Officials with the Canadian Forces confirm the men are

members of the Winnipeg infantry tactical group.

Military officials say the training weapons were owned by the Canadian Forces and described them as pyrotechnics used to simulate live fire.

Officials are investigating the possibility of disciplinary action.

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Afghanistan

Al-Qaida's No. 2 killed by NATO

The U.S.-led NATO force in Afghanistan killed al-Qaida's second-highest leader in the country in an air strike in eastern Kunar province, the coalition said Tuesday.

Sakhr al-Taifi, also known as Mushtaq and Nasim, was responsible for commanding

foreign insurgents in Afghanistan and directing attacks against NATO and Afghan forces, the alliance said.

The air strike that killed al-Taifi and another al-Qaida militant took place Sunday in Kunar's Watahpur district, the coalition said. A follow-on assessment of the area determined that no civilians were harmed, it said. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Houla massacre

Canada boots Syrian diplomats

Canada joined allies across the world Tuesday in expelling Syrian diplomats, as the slaughter of the innocent in Houla provoked a broad severing of global ties with the pariah Assad regime in Damascus.

Foreign Affairs

Minister John Baird said Canada was expelling Syrian diplomats in the wake of the weekend massacre in Houla. The United Nations said 108 people died in the massacre, including 49 children and 34 women — one of the deadliest events in the 15-month uprising against Syrian President Bashar Assad's regime.

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Suspected murders

Couple arrested in connection with death of six kids

British police on Tuesday arrested the parents of six children who died in a fire at their home on suspicion of murder.

Derbyshire police said a 55-year-old man and a

31-year-old woman were arrested together in Derby city centre in connection with the fire earlier this month, which the force said broke out after fuel was poured through the front-door mail slot of the family's home.

Police did not name the suspects, but British media have identified them as Mick Philpott, 55, and his wife Mairead, 31.

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Gruesome parcels being investigated

Body parts. Following a package containing a human foot sent to Tories, cops intercept a second body part

Ottawa police say a second package containing a body part has been found just hours after a stunned Conservative party receptionist opened a blood-soaked box containing a human foot.

The first was found Tuesday morning in a package that had been delivered to the party's headquarters a few scant blocks

from Parliament Hill.

As a result of further investigation, Ottawa police said Tuesday night that they intercepted a second suspicious package containing another human body part. Police released no other details about the second find, and said the major-crime section continues to investigate.

Tuesday morning's macabre discovery led to a call to police and paramedics about a suspicious package. The first officers to arrive on the scene spotted blood splattered on the package. When specialists opened the package, police found the severed appendage inside.

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New quake misery hits northern Italy

Rescue teams use dogs as they look for three workers who are reportedly missing at the Haemotronic factory in Medolla, northern Italy, on Tuesday. A magnitude-5.8 earthquake struck the area, which was hit by another fatal tremor on May 20. **LUCA BRUNO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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The old, the young and the age of change

Census. Toddlers bust a move, but the oldsters just keep on coming, and the implications are only beginning to sink in

Canada is becoming a nation of the aging and the very young.

New census data shows Canada now has a higher proportion of seniors than ever before — a development that has crept up on society with far-reaching implications for health, finance, policy and everyday family relationships.

At the same time, the latest tranche of 2011 census information shows a surprising 11 per cent resurgence of toddlers — a burst of growth in the under-five population that is a complete reversal of trend-lines a decade ago and is rejuvenating every region of the country.

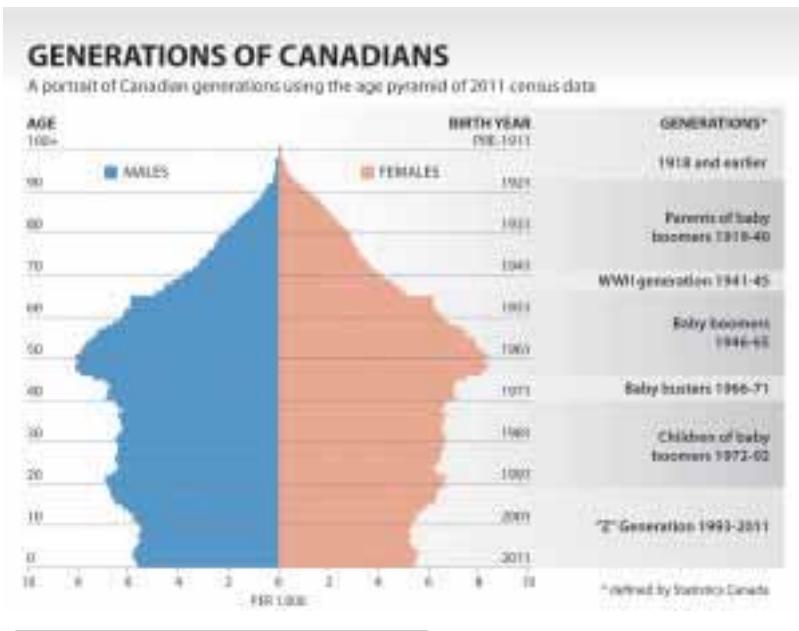
“I wouldn’t call it a baby boom, although I think we can call it a significant increase,” Laurent Martel, a demography expert at Statistics Canada, said in an interview.

Generally, though, the census shows in great detail what most people already know intuitively: Canada is aging quickly as the baby boomers mature.

The population of over-65s has surged to nearly five million over the past five years, growing 14.1 per cent since the last official count, Statistics Canada says.

That’s more than double the 5.9-per-cent increase for the population as a whole.

It’s a trend that’s poised to take on momentum. That’s because near-seniors — people aged 60 to 64 — grew faster than any other group. Their population soared 29.1 per cent over the past five



By the numbers: Youngest vs. oldest communities

• Top-5 youngest communities (pop. 10,000 or more)

Mackenzie County, Alta.: 22.6 years
Hanover, Man.: 27 years
Grande Prairie, Alta.: 30.3 years
Petawawa, Ont.: 30.4 years
Cold Lake, Alta.: 30.5 years

• Top-5 oldest communities (pop. 10,000 or more)

Parksville, B.C.: 58.2 years
Elliot Lake, Ont.: 57.1 years
Sidney, B.C.: 56.9 years
White Rock, B.C.: 53.8 years
North Saanich, B.C.: 53.7 years

Source: Statistics Canada
(Based on median age)

years, a pattern that will persist as they move up the age ladder.

They are the oldest edge of the baby-boom generation that includes three out of 10 Canadians, and has so dramatically shaped Canada’s landscape for decades.

Young people, on the other hand, are a stagnating generation — despite the torrent of toddlers. The under-15 cohort is barely expanding, having edged up just 0.5 per

cent over the past five years.

Children under 15 make up just 16.7 per cent of the population now, while seniors are at a record high of 14.8 per cent, and growing.

In just four years, Canada will face what demographers have dubbed the “cross-over”: The day when there are more seniors than children.

The median age in Canada is now 40.6, the oldest ever, up from 39.5 five years ago and from 33.5 two decades ago.

Canada’s population aging is a mix of longer lives and a growing number of people in their senior years, Martel said.

In 2011, there were 4,870 women and 955 men aged 100 or more — the second-fastest growing age group with a 25.7-per-cent rate of expansion. By 2031, Stats-Can projects the number of centenarians will reach 17,000, rising to close to 80,000 by 2061 as the bulk of the remaining baby boomers move into the triple digits.

Compared to other G8 countries, Canada’s population is relatively young, and the proportion of seniors in Canada is among the lowest in the G8.

That’s about to change, Martel warned: Canada had a bigger baby boom than other countries, and as people retire in droves, Canada’s aging trend will pick up speed. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Birth rate

Canada’s baby bump is showing

More Canadians, it seems, are changing dirty diapers, serving up spoonfuls of mushy peas and getting tongue-tied over Dr. Seuss books before bed, if the latest census figures from Statistics Canada are any indication.

Previously released population statistics show more people in Canada are having children. The national birth rate increased slightly from 1.59 in 2006 to 1.67 in 2009. In Alberta, the rate is among the highest of the provinces; it was 1.8 in 2010.

Not surprisingly, the latest increase was felt most profoundly in the Prairies, which have become magnets for job-seeking, working-age families looking for a place to put down roots.

In Alberta, the growth rate among kids four and under was 20.9 per cent, followed by Saskatchewan at 19.6 per cent. Quebec also posted a strong increase at 17.5 per cent, as did Nunavut at 15.7 per cent.

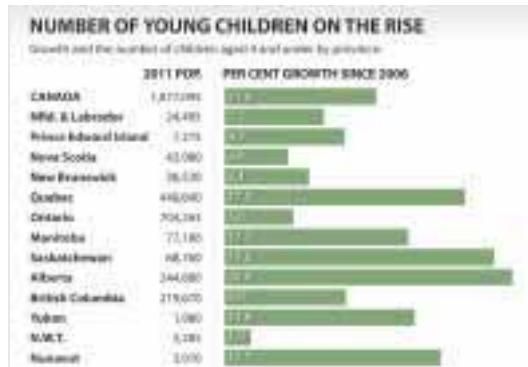
Another reason for Canada’s baby bump may simply be that there are more moms. Statistics Canada attributed the spike to modestly higher fertility rates in most regions, as well as a growing number of women aged 20 to 34 — traditional child-rearing years.

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On the web

Go to metronews.ca/features to:

- Take the census 2011 quiz.
- Check out the interactive graphic on population projections by age and sex from 1971-2061.
- See the communities map for an interactive breakdown of the data by city.
- Watch videos. Canadians say just “how old is old?”, seniors give longevity tips.





Women are turning the big, big wheels

Kolby Nepoose has had a lot of jobs at places that would probably sound familiar to many young women — grocery store, health-care centre, coffee shop, bank.

Eventually, though, the lure of sitting at a desk began to fade.

"I just found my work really tedious, sitting at the computer all day," said Nepoose, 25.

So she found something different — way different. She now works at Mammoet, a Dutch multinational that builds and operates heavy lift and transport equipment. Nepoose — booted, hard-hatted and overalled — is working towards a journeyman's ticket as a crane operator.

Workers like Nepoose are still rare: In 2007, only about two per cent of those employed in non-service-sector trades were women. But those numbers are increasing.

JudyLynn Archer is trying to be part of that solution. She leads an Edmonton organization called Women Building Futures, which offers pre-apprenticeship programs to introduce women to trades from carpentry to welding to pipefitting.

A total of 3,000 women contacted Women Building



Quoted

Women "drive with less ego."

JudyLynn Archer of Women Building Futures, who said employers tell her women are easier on heavy equipment — more vigilant with preventative maintenance and safety checks and gentler on the huge and hugely expensive tires the big stuff rolls on.

Futures last year looking for information on the trades. About 190 from across Canada are expected to graduate this year, almost all directly into jobs or apprenticeships.

"If we had 2,000 today, they could all be placed, working," Archer said. "The demand is unbelievable."

Women are fitting in just fine on job sites across the province, she added.

Companies "are very happy with their female employees. They show up every day, they have a strong attention to detail and they're more loyal."

Still, she said, employers are just starting to see women as part of the solution to Canada's coming shortage of skilled labour.

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WHERE THE SENIORS ARE

A look at the Top 10 communities (population 10,000 or more) with the largest proportion of seniors, according to 2011 census data:



How old is old? 'It's how you feel'

Ask Alan Wilson to define "old" and he answers with a hearty chuckle.

"It's just a number; it's how you feel," said Wilson, a spry 82-year-old who teaches line-dancing classes at a seniors' recreation centre in Peterborough, Ont.

"I had a heart attack 10 years ago and that didn't hold me back at all."

To Wilson and many of his friends, being old is a state of

mind — one that Canada's increasingly active senior set is choosing to ignore as the leading edge of the baby boom reaches the traditional retirement age of 65.

So, it's a fair question: How old is old?

The point at which health concerns become real-life realities is when a person can truly be considered "old," said Susan Eng, vice-president for advocacy at

the Canadian Association of Retired Persons (CARP), Canada's leading seniors' advocacy organization.

"Where the rubber hits the road is when old becomes a limitation," said Eng.

And rather than deny that true old age — with its eventual drawbacks — will hit them one day, it's vital that modern seniors embrace their aging, she added.

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Russian researchers discover massive new cyber-weapon

'Flame.' Virus can turn infected computers into listening devices and even have them suck info out of nearby cellphones

A massive data-slurping cyber-weapon is circulating in the Middle East, a Russian Internet-security firm reported Monday, saying that computers in Iran appear to have been particularly affected.

The virus, dubbed "Flame," is unprecedented both in terms of its size and complexity, Moscow-based Kaspersky Lab ZAO reported, saying it possesses the ability to turn infected computers into listening devices and even suck information out from nearby cellphones.

The announcement sent a ripple of excitement across the computer-security sector. Flame is the third major cyber-weapon discovered in the past two years, and Kaspersky's conclusion that it was crafted at the behest of a national government fuelled speculation that the virus could be part of an Israeli-backed campaign of electronic sabotage aimed at archrival Iran.

Some evidence suggests that the people behind Flame also helped craft Stuxnet, a notorious virus that disrupted controls of some nuclear centrifuges in Iran in 2010, according to Ilan Froimovici, the technical director at Power Communications, which represents Kaspersky in Israel.

The two codes "use the same vulnerabilities in the operating system and the computer infrastructure in order to infect the computer system. We do believe that the same programmers built the two codes," he said.

Stuxnet revolutionized the

'Very unusual' virus

Alan Woodward, a professor of computing at the University of Surrey in southern England, compared the virus to a smartphone — depending on what kind of espionage you want to carry out, "you just add apps."

- He said Flame can turn an infected computer into a kind of "industrial vacuum cleaner," copying data from vulnerable cellphones or other devices left near it.

cyber-security field because it targeted physical infrastructure rather than data, one of the first demonstrations of how savvy hackers can take control of industrial systems to wreak havoc.

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The Nest Learning Thermostat, shown above, went on sale to Canadians on Tuesday for \$249 US — the first country outside the U.S. to get access to the buzzed-about product. Company co-founder Tony Fadell — the lead designer of the iconic iPods and iPhones before leaving Apple in 2005 — thinks Canadian homeowners are ready to spring for a high-tech, premium-priced thermostat, just as they've embraced Apple's slick but pricey smartphones and tablets. The Nest doesn't need to be programmed and instead learns what temperatures owners like to keep their home at during different times. After a few days, the unit will be able to go on auto-pilot and automatically shift the temperature up and down, Fadell said. It can also sense when the house is empty and turn down the furnace or air conditioner, or users can remotely make adjustments with a web browser or app. CONTRIBUTED/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Wall Street

Facebook stock falls below \$30 US

Facebook's stock has fallen below \$30 US for the first time since its much-awaited public debut this month.

The stock fell \$3.07, or 9.6 per cent, to close at \$28.84 on Tuesday. That's down 24 per cent since its public stock debut. It went as low as \$28.65 earlier in the day.

Facebook Inc. began trading publicly on May 18 following one of the most anticipated stock offerings in history.

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Market Minute

DOLLAR 97.76¢ (+0.08¢)

TSX 11,609.3 (+43.15)

OIL \$90.76 US (-10¢)

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DADS SAY THE DARNEDEST THINGS



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Justin Halpern is a testament to the power of Twitter.

A lovable loser who was dumped by his girlfriend, he moved back home and started mining his father's advice, salt-

ed liberally with profanity, and tweeting it to his followers, who grew into the millions.

Eventually that turned into a book contract, then a book called *S--- My Dad Says*, then a sitcom starring William Shatner as "Dad," and now another book, this one called *I Suck at Girls*. And he has already sold the TV rights.

As Dad says: "Any idiot can get lucky once. Takes a special idiot to get lucky twice." Gee, thanks.

Oh, and Halpern eventually got — and married — the girl, so maybe he doesn't actually suck at girls.

My own dad preferred to deliver his wisdom in code. He only ever said two things to me: 1) Pass the salt and 2) Get a job.

After a while, the charm of wondering whether any

request for advice was going to be met with either Option 1 or 2 wore off, and I stopped asking. I mean, I already had three jobs and always passed the salt. As far as I could tell, following instructions failed to help with girls.

One of my earliest attempts at romance failed when the object of my affections said I'd make "some girl a great husband." Which at the time sounded like a crushing put-down. Which it was. Even worse, I'm not even sure my actual wife would agree.

Halpern says that when his wife-to-be broke up with him the first time, it was his lucky day. Otherwise he never would have moved back home and tweeted Dirty Dad to riches and fame.

I had the same kind of bittersweet formative love life: When I was 16, I met a terrific girl with terrific red hair and a terrific itsy-bitsy teeny-weenie yellow polka-dot bikini. Unfortunately, she also came with a psychopath named Ray who owned a Harley.

So I was curious about what Sam Halpern had to say about the inhabitants of Venus.

Here's the cleanest I could find. "No, you can be ugly and get laid. You just gotta be willing to s---w someone uglier than you." Dad's a real piece of work.

I Suck at Girls is shot through with similarly colourful bromides. At one point, when he was nine, Justin asked Sam to explain the birds and the bees. "No," said Sam. "You don't even have hair on your balls."

I think I prefer "Pass the salt" and "Get a job."

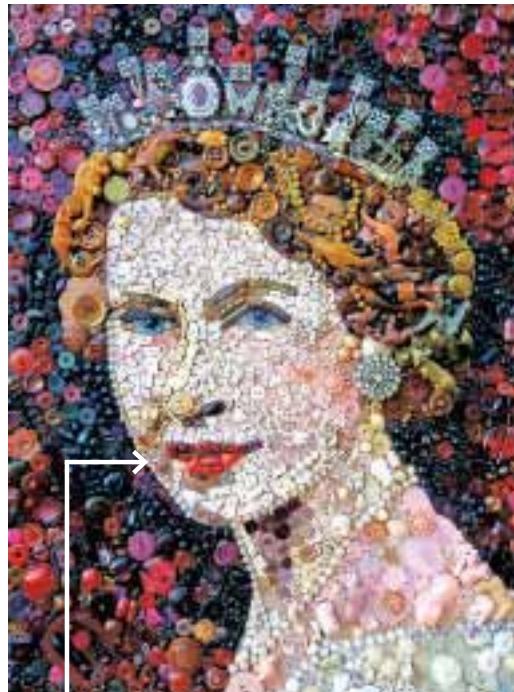
According to a recent survey, Justin and I aren't the only ones getting bad advice. Turns out only 31 per cent of Canadian women actually experience an orgasm during sex, compared to 84 per cent of men.

Maybe we should all just get a job instead.



Justin Halpern FREDERICK M. BROWN/GETTY IMAGES

Royal portrait is rubbish



Royalist art

The Queen has a button nose — literally

Artist Jane Perkins has created three portraits of the Queen made from



Jane Perkins

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unwanted buttons, beads and small plastic toys.

The triptych depicts the monarch in three stages of life: During her Coronation, Silver Jubilee and Diamond Jubilee. The above two are for the Coronation and Diamond Jubilee. METRO WORLD NEWS



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Perkins on her Queen art

- Sum of many parts.** "I honestly cannot say how many separate items I have used in these portraits. Generally speaking, I use everything from small plastic toys, beads, broken jewelry, buttons, bottle tops and other small found objects to create my art. I get these materials from car boot sales and charity shops that can't sell them. I started out doing this art while making brooches in my final year in my degree in textiles. I was inspired by headdresses from Ecuador used in religious processions, many of which have been made from Barbie doll parts. While I don't consider myself an ardent royalist, I have enjoyed making the portraits of the Queen,

particularly making the crown with different shiny objects can be a very creative process."

- How it's all pieced together.** "It doesn't take too long to make one portrait — only two weeks. First, I blow up an image of the person to a 70-by-50 centimetre size, and start sticking the various objects on top of the blow-ups themselves. As the colour of the blow-up photocopy is often faded, I always have an 'original' smaller but higher-resolution image to work from. This way, I can stay true to the original colours of the portraits when I add my items."

- Artistic philosophy.** "I have serious views about recycling and reusing materials. We're drowning in so much unwanted stuff."



Twitter

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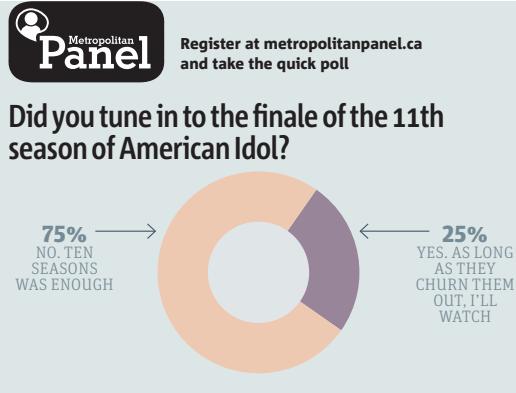
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In numbers

129

The number of portraits the Queen has sat down for during her reign. Lucien Freud's portrayal in 2001 proved to be the most controversial, with critics describing the sober likeness as "extremely unflattering."



Did you tune in to the finale of the 11th season of American Idol?

Scene in brief

Citytv announces fall lineup

A new comedy from the creators of *Will & Grace*, the addition of late night host Jimmy Kimmel and the arrival of Katie Couric's daytime talk show are among the highlights of Citytv's fall slate of shows.

Upcoming offerings include the buddy comedy *Partners* from *Will & Grace* creators David Kohan and Max Mutchnick, the odd-couple sibling sitcom *Ben and Kate*, Mindy Kaling's single-camera *The Mindy Project* and Reba McEntire's *Malibu Country*.

Citytv says returning sitcoms include *New Girl*, *2 Broke Girls*, *Suburgatory*, *Don't Trust the B-in Apartment 23* and *Last Man Standing*. Also back are the dramas *Revenge*, *Person of Interest* and *Scandal*. Meanwhile, Citytv said Calgary native Tyler Harcott will host the first-ever edition of *The Bachelor Canada*, in which CFL free agent Brad Smith will look for love among 25 Canadian bachelorettes.

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On the web



Barenaked Ladies frontman Ed Robertson co-hosts *Live! With Kelly*



'We wanted to have a formidable silhouette,' said costume designer Colleen Atwood. 'And from a distance it's spooky with the crown and her height and everything.' CONTRIBUTED

Evil thoughts and threads

Snow White and the Huntsman. Dressed to kill — Charlize Theron shines as a wicked queen in beautiful but 'treacherous' costumes

Charlize Theron's evil queen costumes for *Snow White* and the *Huntsman* called for hundreds of hand-cut rooster feathers, thousands of iridescent beetle wings from Thailand and one particularly imposing crown.

The outfits, some of which are on view at an LA pop-up gallery ahead of the film's June 1 opening, represented a host of firsts for Academy Award-winning costume designer Colleen Atwood.

From the leather piping on the pleats of the queen's wedding gown to the gauzy green metal trim on the beetle-wing dress, the nine-time Oscar nominee and three-time winner experimented with materials for director Rupert Sanders' dark take on the classic fairy tale.

"The idea of the fairy tale sets you free in a way because you can make it up," Atwood said. "And I love to

make up stuff." She created an armoured ensemble fit for a queen by dressing up chain mail with rolled leather and horsehair trim and topping it off with a particularly pointy metal crown.

"We wanted to have a formidable silhouette," Atwood said, "and from a distance it's spooky with the crown and her height and everything." (Theron stands nearly six feet tall, the designer added.)

In Sanders' version of the *Snow White* story, Kristen Stewart portrays the only woman in the land fairer than Theron's evil queen Ravenna. The queen dispatches a huntsman (Chris Hemsworth) to kill the young woman, but instead he becomes her mentor and protector.

Atwood took on the project after finishing work on Tim Burton's *Dark Shadows*, starring Johnny Depp. Atwood and Burton are frequent and successful collaborators. Her most recent Oscar was for his 2010 film *Alice in Wonderland*, and she earned nominations for her costumes in Burton's *Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street* and *Sleepy Hollow*.

Atwood's *Snow White* costumes are miles — and eras — away from *Dark Shadows*.

Theron's killer wardrobe

"Every costume had a feeling of not quite what it seems. In a way, these dresses were like torture devices for Ravenna. I love that because I feel like Ravenna was, in a way, more torturous toward herself than to the people she was killing."

Actress Charlize Theron
On her character's costumes in *Snow White* and the *Huntsman*

"They don't resemble each other in any way," she said, "so it was fun to shift from one to the other and have a whole different world to think about."

And slide right into. *Snow White* director Sanders said Atwood's wardrobes "blend seamlessly into this world, and they speak volumes about the world and its characters."

Theron agreed. From the wedding dress, with its architectural shoulders that appear to be made from bones, to the twice-embroidered gown that eventually resembles an old,



Academy Award-winning costume designer Colleen Atwood with a costume from *Snow White and the Huntsman* in Los Angeles. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

peeling skin, Atwood's costumes reflect the evil queen's obsession with appearances.

"Every costume had a feeling of not quite what it seems," Theron said. "In a way, these dresses were like torture devices for Ravenna. I love that because I feel like Ravenna was, in a way, more torturous toward herself than to the people she was killing."

To minimize the actual onset torture, Atwood employed a team of about 50 people to

help the actors in and out of the elaborate costumes.

But the beetle wings remain dangerous. Thousands of the hard, brittle wings decorate the evil queen's regal dress of silk and metal mesh.

"They're incredibly sharp, so I had to be careful about how I used them. If you hit them, you can hurt yourself," the designer said.

"They're quite treacherous, which really suited the character." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Getting up close and personal: Christopher Lloyd stars as Mr. Goodman in *Piranha 3DD* HANDOUT

When our creature comforts desert us: A field guide for killer animal films

Piranha 3DD. In the hinterland who's who of cinema there are as many kinds of 'animals gone wild' movies as there are animals



IN

FOCUS

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This weekend *Piranha 3DD* dusts off not one, but two nature attacks genres.

First and foremost it falls squarely into the 'death from the briny depths' category. In the movie blood-crazed prehistoric fish nibble their way through a fresh pack of nubile teenagers at a water park, joining the likes of *Jaws* (hungry shark on the beach species), *Mako: Jaws of Death* (psychic sharks) and

Tentacles (angry squid gets even with calamari eaters) and *Piranha*, the 1978 film about man eating fish at a summer resort ("They're eating the guests, sir."). *Frankenfish* features a genetically engineered fish who is a double threat — it swims and walks on land!

Piranha 3DD also falls into the 'hungry primeval creature' sub-genre. Most famous of this genre is *Grizzly*, a 1976 movie about an ancient 18-foot bear who snacks on campers.

On the other end of the scale are the 'mutated bug' movies. Tired of being squished under foot these critters are the product of scientific research or radioactive mutation. Them! and *Empire of the Ants* see radioactively modified ants acting up, while William Shatner battles killer webslingers in *Kingdom of the Spiders*. In *Spider* one character sums up the plot with the line, "That spider is a

killing machine!"

Alfred Hitchcock didn't invent the 'when-animals-attack' genre, but he helped create the 'we're mad as hell and aren't going to take it anymore' (animal edition) variety.

Animals had gone wild on film before *The Birds*, but usually because they were tormented by their owners — King Kong — or victims of radiation — see 'chemically altered bug movies' — or hungry — *Food of the Gods* where giant chickens feed on humans — but Hitchcock's birds attack for no reason.

Next is the 'mother nature is angry' genus, and everyone knows it's best not to annoy Mother Earth. Everyone that is except the campers who learn that forest animals don't react kindly to having their home turned into a waste dump in *Long Weekend*.

And finally there's the 'animal cage match', seen in *Frogs*, in which members of a rich Southern family are massacred by all manner of animals — birds, lizards and even butterflies — in payback for ruining the environment.

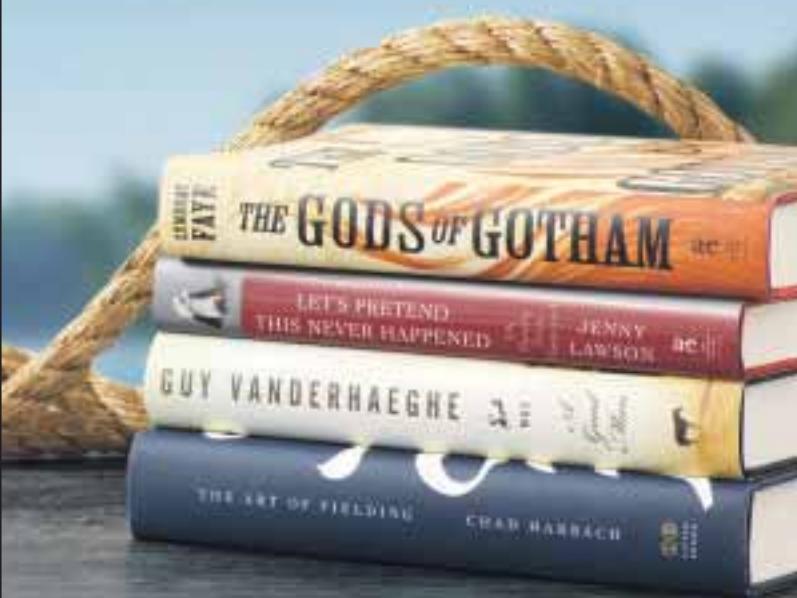
Leading the charge are the frogs, who live up to the film's advertising slogan, "TODAY — the Pond! TOMORROW — the World!"

Angry birds

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES



Bar Refaeli

Bar Refaeli's celeb crushes

A few years with Leonardo DiCaprio has apparently made Bar Refaeli choosy when it comes to men.

"Justin Bieber and I are going to get married some day," she tells Us Weekly at the Maxim magazine Hot 100 party. (Refaeli came in at No. 1, by the way.) "I also like Tom Cruise. I think she's all that."

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Did you know one hour of sunlight on the planet delivers enough energy to power the entire world for a year?

The Word

Wayne Coyne shows us a new side of Erykah Badu

THE WORD

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Flaming Lips frontman Wayne Coyne can always be counted on to fulfill a few basic rock 'n' roll needs: providing drastic psychedelic reinterpretations of songs you thought you already knew; teaming up with left-field collaborators that might not make sense on paper but sound awesome in practice; and tweeting the odd nude photo of himself, somebody he knows or somebody that you know.

Yesterday, Coyne got a hat trick when he tweeted nude photos of Erykah Badu, with whom he was shooting a video for a 10-minute cover she did with the Lips of a song that Roberta Flack made famous, The First Time Ever I Saw Your Face. The photos showed Badu bathing in glitter, covered in blood and generally seeming like a perfect foil to Coyne's



weirdness.

God bless the Flaming Lips!

She's expressing something

While rehearsing her hit Express Yourself for a concert in Tel Aviv over the weekend, Madonna mixed things up a little and transitioned eerily, hilariously smoothly into Lady Gaga's Born This Way.

Like everyone else, Madonna flagged Gaga's song for sounding like a knock-off when it was released, calling it "reductive" and a "wonderful redo" of Express Yourself.

We're not sure what to think here: playful peace offering acknowledging that there's room for two, or is this Madonna's severed unicorn head?

WITH FILES FROM MONICA WEYMOUTH

Robert De Niro offers career advice to grads

Robert De Niro received an honorary doctorate from Bates College in Maine this weekend, and he gave some interesting advice.

"I think this is the most important piece of advice you'll get today: become a movie star," De Niro told the crowd, according to the Bangor Daily News.

"You might be tempted by other careers, other interests, other commitments. There might be pressure on you to change the world, but you want to find the strength to resist. When I started, I wasn't a movie star, and it sucked. The moment I became a movie star, things started to get better."



Robert De Niro

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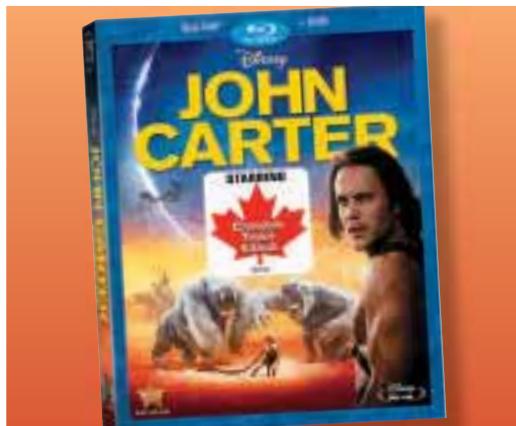


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The top five arty hotels

A crappy reproduction of Van Gogh's Sunflowers just doesn't cut it in a boutique hotel trying to attract high-end, culturally demanding guests. Here are some hotels that combine style with the feel of an art gallery.

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Hotel La Belle Juliette, Paris, France

In 2005, the photography-loving owners of Hôtels Paris Rive Gauche, a group of boutique hotel gems in the French capital, commissioned photographers to capture the essence of a night's stay at one of their hotels in a single shot. The project proved such a hit that it inspired an annual "A hotel photo, an artist's view" photo prize and exhibition, to support up-and-coming photographers. Each month a different young photographer is invited to give their take on a night's stay at a HPRG hotel; the results are shown on phpa.fr and in an annual show in a gallery, hotel-belle-juliette-paris.com



Town Hall Hotel, London, England

The owners of this imposing hotel in the former Bethnal Green Town Hall commissioned seven artists to create works as it was being built. They integrate sensitively with the original features from the 1910s and 1930s and reflect the building's rich history; the art here is built into the hotel. So Debbie Lawson's wooden veneer Victorian-era ladies of the night are discreetly inlaid into the parquet floor that runs along the first floor corridor, and Zoe Mendelson's artwork lights up the 1930s original Town Hall safe in the reception. townhallhotel.com



The Gladstone Hotel, Toronto

Not only are the 37 rooms in Toronto's artiest and oldest continuously-operating hotel designed by artists, but the entire building is dedicated to art. A full-time curator organizes exhibitions in the four galleries, and the hotel hosts around 100 art events and exhibitions every year, as well as live performances, comedy, gigs, burlesque and creative courses. More than 4,000 art lovers flock to the annual Come Up To My Room festival, when artists and designers display their works, with sculptures throughout the corridors, the guestrooms and generally imposing their presence on the hotel's public spaces for four days. gladstonehotel.com



Gramercy Park Hotel, New York

It's not every night that you get to sleep beneath one of Damien Hirst's spin paintings, but you can do that at the Gramercy Park Hotel. This is hotel meets art museum. The flamboyant interiors of this grand hotel were reconceived by designer Ian Schrager and painter Julian Schnabel, whose work hangs above the fireplace. Priceless works are littered throughout this wildly creative space, from Basquiat and Andy Warhol's discreetly hung in lounges alongside bespoke designer furniture pieces, to a vast scarlet Cy Twombly canvas in the lounge. gramercyparkhotel.com



The Saxon Hotel, Johannesburg, South Africa

This luxurious hotel in Johannesburg has a strong sense of its African heritage – Nelson Mandela moved in here after he was released from his prison ordeal and wrote his famous autobiography, *The Long Road to Freedom*. The hotel recently invested in a significant collection of African art, acquiring more than 200 original artworks created by 11 emerging and established South African artists, giving guests the chance to fully immerse themselves in African culture. saxon.co.za

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Travel in brief

When you can't take Fido...

When you travel and have to leave your dog behind, you can call a kennel, hire a pet sitter — or find him a new friend online. The website DogVacay debuted in New York and Los Angeles in March and, just in time for the summer travel season, is now available throughout the United States and Canada. The site lets pet owners look up hosts in the area who will care for a dog in their own homes, giving a pet the food, exercise and attention you would give if you stayed home — sort of a doggy version of couch-surfing, for an average price of \$25 to \$30 a day. Hosts are checked out and interviewed by DogVacay and every owner and dog is encouraged to meet the host. The Santa Monica-based company was founded by Aaron and Karine Nissim Hirschhorn. In two months it has grown to over 4,000 hosts in two countries and from five employees to 13, Hirschhorn said. Visit dogvacay.com for more information.

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On the web



Montreal's Ritz-Carlton shows off results of \$200-million restoration.

Workplace Law

The pen is always mightiest

WORKPLACE LAW

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Are you dreaming of becoming the president of a company? Or is it your goal to purchase a small business and finally become your own boss? Jim Maizis pursued this goal when he left his full-time job to buy Chatten's Better Hearing Service, a small hearing-aid provider in Oshawa, Ont.

New to the business, Maizis needed a company veteran to help him with the transition. Dawn Loyst was the perfect fit.

She had worked for the former owners of Chatten's for nearly nine years and she knew the ins and outs of its business. But she came at a high cost to Maizis.

Loyst wanted a five year guaranteed job with a 15 per cent ownership stake at the end of those five years. Maizis agreed and

a short letter was signed confirming the deal.

This letter had the same effect as an employment contract, although employment contracts usually provide the employer with the explicit right to end the contract with some form of notice. However, Loyst's agreement was silent on this point, which meant Maizis could only fire her by paying her until the end of the five-year term.

Although their "re-relationship" started out well, Loyst and Maizis grew increasingly uncomfortable with each other over time.

Matters boiled over during a telephone call when Maizis accused Loyst of hanging up on him and Loyst later declared that she "had a problem" with

I'll need that in writing

"Had her five year guarantee and 15 per cent stake in the company been based solely on a handshake, the outcome would likely have differed."

Maizis. This was the final straw for Maizis and the next day he gave her a reduced role and compensation.

When Loyst protested, he told her to pack up and leave.

Believing that she was terminated, Loyst sued not only for the remaining 29 months of pay under the contract but for the value of 15 per cent of the company.

Maizis tried to wiggle out from the agreement by claiming first that Loyst had resigned and later that there was cause to fire her because of misconduct.

Neither argument was successful and Loyst was awarded more than \$250,000.

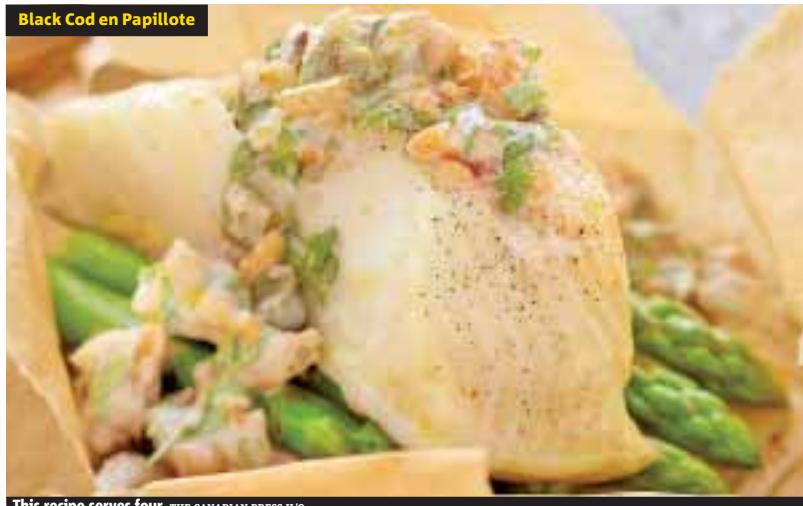
Loyst achieved success by following the most important rule in workplace law: get key agreements in writing.

Had her five-year guarantee and 15 per cent stake in the company been based solely on a handshake, the outcome would likely have differed.

DANIEL A. LUBLIN IS AN EMPLOYMENT LAWYER WITH WHITTEN & LUBLIN.

Good things come wrapped up in paper

Black Cod en Papillote



This recipe serves four. THE CANADIAN PRESS H/O

Black Cod. Asparagus and creme fraîche walnut sauce makes this one delicious meal

3. Fold one parchment round in half and unfold. Spread one sliced potato in the centre of the bottom half of parchment. Place five asparagus spears on top of the potato and then lay the black cod on the asparagus.

4. Spoon 1/4 of the walnut mixture on top of the cod and fold the top half of parchment over. Seal edges by twisting and pressing the edges together in a half moon pattern. Repeat with remaining pieces of cod.

5. Place parchment packets on a baking sheet and bake in 200 C (400 F) oven for 20 mins. until parchment is lightly browned.

6. Remove from oven. Carefully cut a slit in the top of the packets, taking care as contents will be hot and steam may escape. Tear back edges of paper

Ingredients

- 250 ml (1 cup) walnut pieces, coarsely chopped
- 75 ml (1/3 cup) fresh tarragon leaves, chopped
- 60 ml (1/4 cup) creme fraîche
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) Dijon mustard
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) apple cider vinegar
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) olive oil
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) capers
- 4 small potatoes, thinly sliced
- 20 asparagus spears
- 4 pieces (each 150 g/4 oz) black cod

to reveal fish and serve. THE CANADIAN PRESS / WALNUTINFO.COM / ADAPTED BY EMILY RICHARDS (PROFESSIONAL HOME ECONOMIST, COOKBOOK AUTHOR AND TV CELEBRITY CHEF. FOR MORE, VISIT EMILYRICHARDSCOOKS.CA)

Simple, light and delicious, this recipe combines fresh herbs and spices that perfectly complement the rich butter flavour of the fish. The combo of creme fraîche and walnuts add a crunchy twist to a delicately spiced, classic meal.

1. Cut 4 circles of parchment paper (each 38 cm/15 inches in diameter); set aside.

2. In a bowl, combine walnuts, tarragon, creme fraîche, Dijon mustard, vinegar, walnut oil and capers; set aside.

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Soccer

Ukraine denies racism claims ahead of Euro 2012

Ukraine's Foreign Ministry says British media reports about racism among the country's football fans portray Ukraine unfairly ahead of the European championship.

The BBC on Monday broadcast a program showing fans in Ukraine and co-host Poland giving the Nazi salute and taunting black players with monkey noises. Former England defender Sol Campbell told the broadcaster that fans should not travel to the tournament "because you could end up coming back in a coffin."

Ukraine Foreign Ministry spokesman Oleh Voloshyn said on Tuesday the BBC report is wrong.

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Tennis

Serena suffers career-first setback

Serena Williams lost in the first round of a major tournament for the first time in her career, falling to Virginie Razzano of France 4-6, 7-6 (5), 6-3 Tuesday at the French Open.

Williams was two points from victory nine times in the second set, including leading 5-1 in the tie-breaker. But Razzano won six straight points to force a third set, and then took control of the match.

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Serena Williams in Paris on Tuesday. GETTY IMAGES

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Common ground in cup-final showdown

NHL Devils and Kings took similar paths on journey to Stanley Cup

A great goalie. Depth in front of him. The ability to win on the road. And a respected coach.

Two teams with plenty of similarities drop the puck Wednesday for the Stanley Cup.

The sixth-seeded New Jersey Devils and eighth-seeded Los Angeles Kings face off at the Prudential Center in hockey's finale.

Both teams have already been forged in the cauldron of the playoffs. As lower seeds, they have not had home-ice advantage and had to get here the hard way.

Depth has been a key to both.

"I don't think it's an accident that the teams that are rolling four lines and 6 D (defencemen) are still playing," Devils coach Peter DeBoer said Tuesday.

"I think if you talked to Darryl, I would bet he'd say the same thing. It's been



Mike Richards works out on Tuesday in New Jersey. GETTY IMAGES



Devils head coach Peter DeBoer gives instruction during practice on Tuesday in Newark, N.J. JULIO CORTEZ/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

critical. You don't play 20, 25 playoff games and the grind and the emotion and the battle without having depth. You just can't."

Said Kings coach Darryl Sutter: "The way the schedule is and the way the travel is, you don't do it without everybody making some sort of contribution. Not just the minutes played but in performance."

Los Angeles is a mind-boggling 8-0 in the playoffs on the road, where the home team has the last line change. New Jersey is 6-4.

Both teams rely on their goaltenders to keep the opposition honest.

New Jersey looks to career Devil Martin Brodeur, a future Hall of Famer who is still going strong at age 40.

Los Angeles has 26-year-old Jonathan Quick, who leads playoff goalies in goals-against average (1.54) and save percentage (.946). Brodeur's corresponding figures are 2.04 and .923.

Much has been made of the Kings' size but the league says there's really not much difference be-

tween the two. The Devils' average height and weight is six-foot-one and 204 pounds. For the Kings, it's six-foot-one and 208.

New Jersey's average age is 30, compared to 26.5 for Los Angeles.

"I think the goalies bring the average up quite a bit," Devils forward Dainius Zubrus said dryly, referencing Brodeur and 39-year-old Jo-han Hedberg.

The Kings have more Canadians (13 to six) than the Devils.

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SPORTS

Stanley Cup final

"It doesn't make it bitter at all. Quite frankly, I think it's more interesting to watch. I am very fond of Richards and Carter. I'd love to see them succeed. As far as Jersey is concerned, they beat us. If they win, at least we know we lost to the best."

Philadelphia Flyers founder and owner Ed Snider, who said Tuesday he'd love to see former Flyers Mike Richards and Jeff Carter win the Stanley Cup with the Los Angeles Kings.

On the web



Manchester United may have lost the English Premier League title to its cross-city rival, but the club still claims to be the most-followed soccer team in the world. Internal research suggests United's popularity has doubled to 659-million followers in the last five years. Scan the code for the story.

His six strikeouts put him just three short of the Goldeyes' all-time franchise mark of 313.

With the game scoreless in the fifth, Goldeyes right-fielder Ridge Carpenter laid a perfect bunt to load the bases and shortstop Price Kendall hit a two-run single to shallow left. The following inning, Carpenter hit another infield single that scored catcher Luis Alen.

An error by Amarillo third baseman Matt Tucker in the seventh scored Kendall from second to make it 4-0.

The Sox struck for three ninth-inning runs against Goldeyes pitchers Kahoi Downing and Nick Carr.

Amarillo (6-5) wraps its series in Winnipeg with games Wednesday and Thursday.

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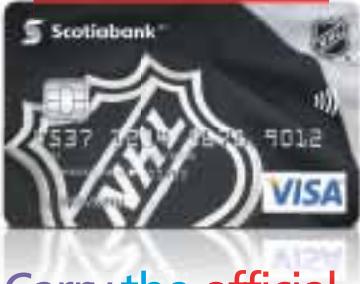
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AWD

The RDX abandons Acura's very effective Super Handling All Wheel Drive (SH-AWD). However, the replacement system, called AWD with Intelligent Control, appears to have its own merits, which include sending 25 per cent of the available torque to the rear wheels when accelerating from a stop.

2013 Acura RDX

- **Type.** Four-door, all-wheel-drive luxury-compact wagon.
- **Engine (hp):** 3.5-litre SOHC V6 (273).
- **Mileage:** L/100 km (city/hwy) 10.7/7.3.
- **Base Price (incl. destination):** \$42,900.

Beefed-up engine

A 3.5-litre V6 replaces the turbocharged 2.3-litre four-cylinder, a move that appears to be in sharp contrast to other automakers — such as Ford — which are replacing larger engines with smaller turbocharged powerplants that supposedly get better fuel economy.

But check this out. The RDX's V6 makes 273 horse

power and 251 pound-feet of torque, compared to 240 horses and 260 pound-feet of torque for the 2.3. Most importantly, the RDX achieves a better fuel-consumption rating than the outgoing model.

How is this possible? A six-speed automatic transmission — one more gear than used on the turbo four — helps improve the ratings, but so do other fuel-conserving innovations.

There's low-viscosity engine and transmission oil, a special friction-reducing coating for the pistons and Variable Cylinder Management that allows the engine to operate with two or three of its six cylinders (depending on the load) shut down.

Acura says the RDX also has improved aerodynamics, fuel-saving electric power steering pump and low-rolling-resistance tires.

Review. More pistons as well as better fuel economy? What does the new RDX know that we don't?

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With the entire automotive world dropping pistons to add fuel economy — and even bragging about it — there's this little twist: the 2013 Acura RDX is adding fuel economy by adding pistons.

Yes, the whole universe is suddenly out of whack and it begs the question, what does Honda know that the rest of the world doesn't. Well, we're

in Arizona to find out.

The RDX brand has been around since the 2007 model year as a rival to the BMW X3, Audi Q5, Cadillac SRX, Mercedes-Benz GLK and other premium-priced five-passenger wagons.

Changes for the 2010 model year gave it a look that resembled the larger MDX, which is an approach that has clearly spilled over into

the new RDX.

The aggressively arched fenders, redesigned nosepiece and artfully reshaped roofline convey a sense of increased proportions, which is an illusion considering that most key dimensions — length, width, height and cargo volume — vary only slightly from the original.

With an on-the-road starting price of \$42,900, the

poised and proficient RDX now looks and acts like a more upscale travelling companion that effectively coddles its occupants, should take fewer fuel stops and generally behaves more resolutely when the go pedal is pushed.

Acura, if more power and better fuel economy was intended to be a secret, we're happy to blow your cover.

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DRIVE

Top Gear

Flip your Jeep lid

Talk to any owner about their Jeep Wrangler and they'll wax poetic about their favourite off-roader. But ask them about removing and reinstalling the Jeep's canvas top and the air is likely to turn blue. In short, it's not much fun wrestling with the various snaps, zippers, hooks and other attachments. A solution is in hand in the form of the power-operated MyTop from Roadwire. The company states that its lid will automatically fold back and reverse itself in about six seconds. The frame is made of aircraft-grade aluminum (good aluminum), while the electric motors used in the folding/refolding process are of the same design used to operate the canopies of fighter jets. MyTop is priced at \$4,300 US, plus installation. More info is available at roadwire.com. WHEELBASE

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15 Critical
17 Defeat
18 Pump up the volume
19 Carelessness?
21 Necklace fastener
24 In-box filler
25 Impetuous
26 Whims
30 Eggs
31 "Be-Bop —"
32 Actor Holbrook
33 Maximum contents
35 Golf warning
36 Sea eagle
37 Healthy
38 Malay Archipelago sultanate
41 Tackle moguls
42 Theater box
43 South American rodent
48 — podrida
49 Get — for effort
50 Told tales
51 Ottoman governors
52 Torched
53 Therefore
Down
45 Melody
46 Rule, for short
47 Commotion



Sudoku



How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's Sudoku



Yesterday's Crossword



Cryptoquip

This is a substitution cipher where one letter stands for another. Eg: If X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle.

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Horoscope

Aries | March 21 - April 20.

There may be a lot to do but you will achieve more if you slow down and do one vital thing really well.

Taurus | April 21 - May 21.

Your financial position may not be as good as it could be, but neither is it giving serious cause for concern. If you worry, you'll make things worse.

Gemini | May 22 - June 20.

You know what you want and you know where and how to get it, so seize the moment.

Cancer | June 21 - July 22.

Cosmic activity in the most sensitive area of your chart makes it easy to reach down into your subconscious and find out what makes you tick.

Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22.

Reaching out to those who share your beliefs could put you in touch with some interesting people.

Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22.

Today you can and you should make a good impression on those who can influence the course of your career.

Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22.

With the Sun, Mercury and Venus all moving through one of the most dynamic areas of your chart, much can be achieved. Aim high.

Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21.

You may feel somewhat vulnerable right now but it's nothing to worry about. If you do, you could end up worrying yourself into a corner.

Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec.

It may seem as if you are doing all the giving while others are doing all the taking, but it's for a reason.

Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan. 20.

You may find it hard to slow down today but you must. Cosmic activity in the wellbeing area of your chart urges you to be kind to yourself.

Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb. 18.

Your confidence will surge over the next 24 hours and soon you will be doing what others say is impossible.

Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20.

Use emotions over logic today. If you appeal to someone's sense of sympathy or passion, you will win them over with ease. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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